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ABRAMS, Louis Brown )  
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Serial No. 09/621,830 filed July 24, 2000	Serial No. 10/455,575 filed June 4, 2003
Serial No. 09/629,746 filed July 31, 2000	Serial No. 10/613,981 filed July 3, 2003
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Serial No. 10/265,206 filed October 4, 2002	Serial No. 10/614,340 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/394,357 filed March 21, 2003	Serial No. 10/670,091 filed September 23, 2003
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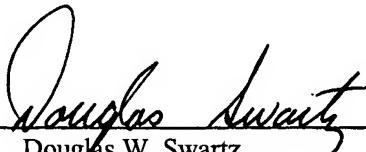
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4.	3,657,060	04/18/72	Haigh	161	73	
5.	3,775,205	11/27/73	Hermann et al.	156	72	
6.	3,793,050	02/19/74	Mumpower, Jr.	117	17.5	
7.	3,816,211	06/11/74	Haigh	156	309	
8.	3,956,552	05/11/76	Geary	428	88	
9.	3,989,869	11/02/76	Neumaier et al.	428	254	
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